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AMPLIFICATION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2007, for which a response is due on January 13, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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